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Atlantis makes 67th shuttle landing at Kennedy



◆ Mission Update:

Completing the STS-122 mission, space shuttle Atlantis landed at Kennedy on time at 9:07 a.m. Wednesday

(below). When the seven astronauts left the crew transport vehicle, they were greeted by NASA Associate Administrator for Space Operations William Gerstenmaier, Director of Mission Launch Integration LeRoy Cain and Shuttle Launch Director Mike Leinbach.



◆ **NASA News:** NASA has selected 19 science teams to conduct year-long studies of new concepts for its next generation of major observatories. The studies will help NASA make decisions about how it explores the heavens in the future, following the Astronomy and Astrophysics Decadal Survey.

Every 10 years, astronomers and physicists from across the U.S. work with the National Academy of Sciences to define the future research directions for the fields of astronomy and astrophysics. The work of the science teams is part of an effort to ensure that technical and cost

input is accurate for this upcoming survey that will produce directions to guide federal agencies such as NASA and the National Science Foundation in planning their programs over the coming decade.

■ **BEST Friday Menu (Friday)** — Smothered pork chop, smashed red potatoes, collard greens with ham hocks, and sweet potato pie.

■ **Last Day for Luncheon Tickets** — The annual African-American History Month Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 29 in the Kurt Debus Conference Center. The guest speaker will be Robert L. Jordan, chairman of the Brevard County School Board. **Today** is the last day to buy tickets, which are \$20 each. They can be purchased from the following:

- ◆ **Linnette Daniels**, Hangar N/Room 208, 853-9261
- ◆ **Maxine Daniels**, SSPF Bldg./Room 3228, 867-5976
- ◆ **Valarie Franklin**, O&C Bldg./Room 1020A, 867-7051
- ◆ **Truemilla Johnson**, HQ/Room 2610, 867-2307
- ◆ **Betty Lee**, HQ/Room 3441, 867-3677
- ◆ **Bruce Lockley**, Logistics Bldg./Room 3836, 861-1333
- ◆ **Willie Mae Moore**, OSB/Room 4403S1, 861-4862
- ◆ **Leisa Norman**, Hangar I Annex/Room 221, 476-4057
- ◆ **Wanda Petty**, HQ/Room 2114C, 867-5188
- ◆ **Terrasena Jones**, HQ/Room 3257K, 867-3950

NASA plans for heavenly studies in next decade

■ **NASA Science** — A team of scientists has set off to explore a strange lake in Antarctica, which may be home to exotic forms of microscopic life. Lake Untersee is one of the most unusual lakes on Earth. Read the full story at http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/07feb_cloroxlake.htm?list29875.

■ **Reminder** — Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's Federally Employed Women training program, **Make Waves – A Sea of Possibilities**, to be held March 5, repeated again on March 6. This program will be held at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach, with registration starting at 8 a.m. All registration forms and payment or purchase orders are due by **Friday**. NASA civil service employees should first enroll using SATERN. All attendees (including NASA) must follow up with the FEW registration form. Check the FEW Web site for information and registration forms (click on FEW Training and Annual Professional Development Seminar Program and Registration at <http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/groups/few/>).

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